Rainbow/Manitou officials stand behind name

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changed, officials said.

Manitou Planning Director Larry Manning, who named the plan and wrote the purpose statement, said it was inspired by Manitou's colorful ambience — a blend of merchants, artists, quaint buildings and modern nightclubs, mineral springs and the health industry.

"We have no reason to defend ourselves. For us to react would be for us to give it (Tebedo's complaint) legitimacy," he said.

The controversy arose a few days ago when Tebedo was contacted by Manitou residents who expressed concern about the wording.

Tebedo said his organization is always on the lookout for "words . . . often used as a door to give the homosexual lobby a platform."

His inspection revealed that the purpose statement contained other "code words" for the gay movement, such as "diversity."

For example, the purpose statement reads: "From the outset the Vision Plan must attempt to assimilate the opinions, no matter how diverse or opposing, of all those concerned . . . Let us work together to meld our valuable diversity into a Rainbow Vision of success."

That's a dead giveaway for a gay agenda, Tebedo said.

"America has got to ask itself one question: Is homosexuality going to be made the ethical and moral equivalent to heterosexuality? Right now that's what the battle is all about. Groups like mine say 'nope,' " he said.

Tebedo, who has been accused of being a bigot himself, turns the accusation back on gays, saying they are in the business of "destroying the freedoms of association, speech and belief of all those who disagree with it."

Using an automated telephone dialing system, Tebedo's group has been calling homes in Manitou Springs with a tape-recorded warning about the city's Rainbow Vision Plan. In turn, the city's Planning Department has received more than a dozen calls.

"The majority of them are just inquiring as to the availability of the document," Manning said. "I tell them there is no document, just a purpose statement."

In addition to concerns about supposed code words, Tebedo said he wonders what city planning has to do with social values, which are addressed in the document.

Quite a bit, Manning countered. The vision plan might include landscaping mandates for new developers or green spaces reserved for families.

"Why couldn't social values be related to trees? Up here, we have tree huggers," Manning said. "That's a social value when people love trees."

While not mentioned in Manitou's purpose statement, "tolerance" and "multicultural" also are gay-movement code words, Tebedo contends.

That's scary, said Robin Kane, spokeswoman for the National Gay and Lesbian Rights Task Force in Washington, D.C. "If they consider tolerance a code word, that's a frightening message to send."

In response to Tebedo's allegations, Manitou City Council members showed up for a regular meeting Tuesday dressed in brightly tie-died clothing.

"We did our best to wear colors of the rainbow and of those people he wants to oppress," Ford said.

"We intend to stay a community who accepts people the way they are," Ford said. "Mr. Tebedo must operate out of a different Bible. In mine, the rainbow was God's everlasting covenant with His people."

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Larry Manning, city planner for Manitou Springs, stands in front of City Hall on Wednesday. Manning named the "Rainbow Vision Plan" — a name that could contain a secret agenda, says Kevin Tebedo of Colorado for Family Values.

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gage in a sexual act in 1991. Her refusal, Jones contends, led to retaliation by her supervisors. Clinton has denied Jones's allegations.

Military construction bill clears Senate: The Senate on Wednesday passed and sent to President Clinton an $8.8 billion military construction bill for 1995 that cuts funding for active forces while providing more for base closures.

The bill, passed 95-5, represents a compromise between House and Senate negotiators. The final bill comes in $490 million below Clinton's request and $628 million below this year's military construction budget.

Espy predicts exoneration: Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy shrugged off the prospect Wednesday of a further investigation into possible favors from Tyson Foods Inc., the Arkansas-based poultry giant, and at least one other corporation.

"Each day that passes is another step toward exoneration," Espy told reporters, one day after Attorney General Janet Reno requested that a three-judge panel appoint an independent counsel to investigate Espy.

Espy, in a written statement, also defended his record on meat and poultry safety and pointed to a number of moves such as stepped-up and surprise inspections, safe-handling labels and development of rapid tests for bacteria.

CIA says secret building not so secret: The CIA and the Pentagon insisted Wednesday they had fully disclosed to Congress the construction of a new $310 million headquarters for the agency that operates the government's spy satellites.

The National Reconnaissance Office submitted a notebook full of documents to the Senate Intelligence Committee showing the administration had provided specifics on the planning, construction and cost of the buildings to Congress on at least nine occasions since 1990.

That testimony was supported by Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., a member of the House Intelligence Committee, who said there is a clear paper trail showing the Senate panel knew far more about the project than its protests would suggest.

Final votes sought for crime bill passage: The Clinton administration and allies in the House searched Wednesday for the final votes needed to assure passage of the $33.2 billion crime bill. President Clinton continued lobbying Wednesday, along with Vice President Al Gore and Cabinet members, trying to ensure that the legislation gets through the House, said White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers.

The crime bill would authorize funds to help put 100,000 more police on America's streets and billions for state and local prisons and crime prevention programs while making 50 additional crimes subject to the death penalty, mandating life sentences for some third-time felons and banning assault weapons.

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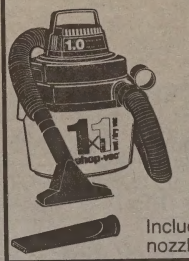

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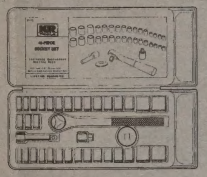

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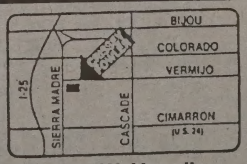

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Manitou accused of pro-gay agenda

Tebedo: 'Rainbow' a key code word

By **Pam Zubeck**
Gazette Telegraph

Remember when a rainbow was an innocent beacon to an imaginary pot of gold?

Now it's an icon of a subversive lobby for homosexual rights, according to the Colorado Springs-based Colorado for Family Values.

And the group wonders if Manitou Springs' new city improvement effort, dubbed the "Rainbow Vision Plan," has a hidden agenda.

Tebedo: Sees plot to push gay rights.

"Using the word 'rainbow' to describe your plan is not wise if you do not have an intentional pro-homosexual slant," said Kevin Tebedo, executive director of Colorado for Family Values, in an Aug. 9 letter to the author of the plan's "purpose statement."

The Vision Plan now in development will be Manitou's five-year comprehensive guide for such routine things as sidewalks, water systems and zoning.

Tebedo sees a more sinister plan unfolding.

He says the Vision Plan contains allusions to the gay rights movement, including its title. A rainbow-striped flag has been a symbol of the gay rights movement since the 1970s.

Tebedo's group was formed in July 1991 specifically to fight gay rights. The group wrote Amendment 2, which would prohibit laws protecting gay men and lesbians from discrimination based on sexual orientation. The measure is on hold while the Colorado Supreme Court decides whether it is constitutional.

Now Tebedo's group wants to know the names of individuals and organizations pushing rainbows in Manitou Springs.

That's no secret, say members of the Manitou City Council. It's their plan. And they're astounded that their harmless city planning exercise has been caught up in a debate about sexuality.

"None of us were even thinking of some great nefarious plot from the far left-wing to advance special rights for anybody," said Manitou Springs Mayor Bud Ford.

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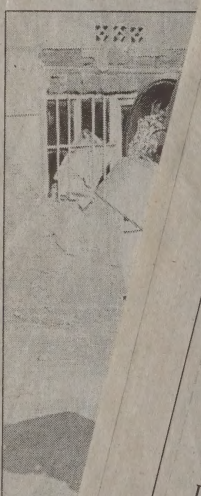

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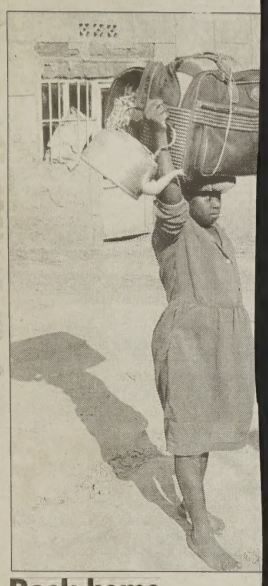

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Mama Michelle

Michelle Pfeiffer has a new man in her life — newborn son **John Henry**. The child, born Friday in Los Angeles, is the second for Pfeiffer and her husband, TV producer **David Kelley**. They have a 17-month-old daughter. The 37-year-old Pfeiffer played sultry leading ladies in such movies as "Dangerous Liaisons" and "The Fabulous Baker Boys."

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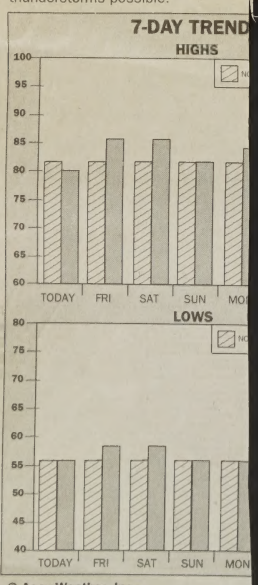

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